(b) the number of ordinary and special reminders sent to Heads of Departments from the Huzur since the appointment of Mr. U. Kandar Menon as Secretary to the Diwan ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Ordinarily 15 days.

(b) Vide answer to question No. 138.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The answer to part (b) of my question is 'vide answer to question No. 138'. The answer given to that question is this :—" The collection of the information required would involve considerable time and labour and the Government consider that no useful purpose will be served thereby". Of course, if a search in the Huzur is contemplated, certainly it is a laborious task. May I know whether what is called as a current register is not maintained in each of the offices ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is one in each of the offices.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Would not a query to each of the Heads of Departments be sufficient to get the information readily ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. Because reminders are sent from the Huzur not only in the prescribed forms, but also as D. Os. and Official Memorandums. Well, these things will not be classified in the current register as reminders, in all the respective offices. The whole number of files of every Department shall have to be gone through to get at the correct numbers. That will be laborious task. In some cases 10,000 or 15,000 files will have to be gone through. In the case of Huzur nearly 20,000 files will have to be gone into to get at the correct number for one year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—As regards reminders proper, you oan get that information from the current registers.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—D. Os., Official Memorandums, Government orders, all these come under the category of reminders.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I do not ask for D. Os., O. Ms., etc. It may be the official language, but not the technical language.

President.—In the literal sense, reminders are divided into ordinary reminders, special reminders, etc.

Transfer of P. W. D. roads to the Panchayat Department.

140. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of all P. W. D. roads transferred to the Panchayat Department and the date of transfer in each case ; how much money was actually spent for maintenance every year on each of these roads for 3 years before

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transfer and how much was allotted and spent every year after transfer ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Parts 1 and 2. A list of the roads is placed on the Council Table.

Part 3. The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 65 of the Legislative Session of 1102.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I am referred to question No. 65 of the Legislative Session of 1102.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is 1104. It is a printing mistake.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question refers to the works in the Panchayats, but in the answer I am referred to something regarding Velur School.

President.—It has been said that it is a printing mistake.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the answer to question No. 65 ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The list of roads is placed on the Council Table. Each Panchayat is given a lump sum for the works under its jurisdiction for maintaining these roads.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The amount is not stated there. Only the names of roads are stated. But I want the amount spent on each road. My question as well as the object of my question are very clear. I wanted simply to compare the amounts spent for these by the Panchayats for three years and the amount spent for these for three years by the Public Works Department. There are only 23 items in all. Only the names of the roads are placed on the Table. The misfortune is the whole information is not also available.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—All these items appear in the Panchayat programme in the budget, and there you will find the allotments.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The works are not done according to the programme of the budget. Many of the works are not sometimes taken up. That is why I wanted to know the very figures.

President.—The amount provided for is given in the budget programme.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is for the amount allotted and spent actually.

President.—You want information regarding the amount spent on these roads. Could not this information be supplied —amount actually spent by the Public Works Department and the Panchayat Department ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is easy to give that and the other also. In the case of the Panchayat Department, all the amounts allotted are spent.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There might be lapses, for we find many.

President.—Then why not say so? But then there may be cases where allotments have not been fully utilised.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It was admitted in this House that there were lapses. Now he says that all the amounts are spent.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That information is not available here. It can be supplied.

Lapse of Panchayat allotments.

141. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate amount that may lapse in the several items sanctioned for Panchayats this year;

2) the total amount not appropriated till 30th Mithunam 1104?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) and (2). It is not possible to furnish the information asked for before the year is out.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer given is that it is not possible to furnish the information. Are there not accounts to show how much was spent till the 30th of Mithunam?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is not possible.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why not; are there not clear accounts?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A portion of the allotment is advanced to the various Panchayats under the imprest system, and final accounts have not been received. So it is not possible to find out what amount of the advanced amount has been spent actually.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not at least accounts to show what amount has been advanced under the imprest system to the various Panchayats and how much amount was spent in that way?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There may be amounts advanced and final accounts might not have been received. In the case where you do works departmentally, it is not possible always to give the exact amount of expenditure that has been involved by a particular time. In the case of the Public Works Department, where the works are done by contracts, there is no difficulty, because our accounts are closed every day, and we always find what money was spent every day.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not the practice that amounts are paid only after the work is completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the Panchayat Department, money is advanced under the imprest system and not paid afterwards.

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